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Curios and Relics
Furniture
Couch
In Ford's Theatre

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1216-17 MUNSEY BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

TELEPHONE PLAZA 4000

April 5, 1937

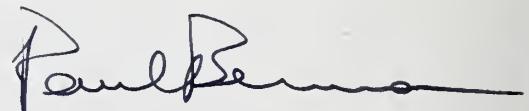
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Attention: Dr. Louis A. Warren
Gentlemen:

I have a client who owns a sofa on which President Abraham Lincoln was placed and carried out of Ford's Theatre at the time he was shot. My client was wondering if you would care to purchase this sofa.

I would appreciate your letting me hear from you at your earliest convenience as there are some people down here who would like to buy it, but my client would rather have it go to one of the associations interested in preserving Lincolniana.

Very truly yours,



PB:SH

April 7, 1937

Mr. Paul Berman
1216-17 Munsey Building
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Berman:

While we appreciate very much your calling to our attention the availability of the sofa on which it is said President Lincoln was placed and carried out of Ford's Theatre at the time he was shot, inasmuch as we are not interested in the gathering of curios we would not care to acquire this item.

We thank you, nevertheless, for calling it to our attention.

Yours very truly,

LAW: NB

Director

November 12th '37

Mrs. W. R. Mitchell

Sea Pines

Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Dr. Warren : -

At the suggestion of Mr. G. S. Bryan
& Pelham N. Y. I want to let you
know that I have the sofa that
was in the box at Fords Theatre
the night Lincoln was shot by
Booth, also the picture of Washington
that hung under the box & was
draped in flags, the picture
that caught Booth's spur &
caused the fall that broke the
bone in his ankle. My grandfather

Mrs. W. R. Mitchell
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John T. Ford who owned the
theatre always kept these two
articles in his home after the tragedy
and at the death of my Grand
Mother (aged 92) I bought them from
the estate so they would not become
lost. Mr. Bryan suggested you
might be interested in them because
of your Lincoln Museum.

Very truly

W. R. Mitchell

picture
of
a
woman
1900-1910

November 15, 1937

Mrs. W. R. Mitchell
Sea Pines
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

Thanks very much for the information about your Lincoln curios but I regret we would not have any place for displaying the couch.

If you would care to dispose of the picture we would be interested in its acquisition if a price was placed on it.

Yours very truly,

LAW:AD

Director

November 26th
1937



Dear Dr. Warren:

Forgive my long delay in
replying to your letter of the
15th. I am keeping it back, I
consulted with my son
& the younger one, who is
married, insists that the
picture & sofa & house
remain in the family as
it is all they have of the
Ford connections.

Personally, I should like

to see both pieces in a
museum, but I ask great
respect for the opinions
of yours. Thanks for your
courtesy and trouble.

Very sincerely

Patricia Mitchell

Mrs. W. J. Mitchell

Sea Times

Magnolia Beach
Va.



